

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, lines 1-6, with the following amended paragraph:

The following two (complementary) oligonucleotides were used (chemically modified at the 5'-end with an amino group):

5' TTT CCT CAG CAT CTT ATC CG3' (SEQ ID NO:1), referred to as "BC1"

5' CGG ATA AGA TGC TGA GGA AA3' (SEQ ID NO:2), referred to as "BC2"

The nucleotide sequence BC1 is disclosed in Persson, B., et al. (1997) *Anal. Biochem.* **246**, 34-44.

At the end of the written description, before the claims, please insert the "Sequence Listing" attached hereto.